

BOOK REVIEW

STEWART MCPHERSON AND DONALD SCHNELL. 2011. **Sarraceniaceae of North America**. (ISBN: 978-0-9558918-6-1, hbk.). Redfern Natural History Productions, 61 Lake Drive, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset BH15 4LR, ENGLAND, UK. (**Orders:** inside UK 01202 686585, outside UK +44 1202 686585, www.redfernnaturalhistory.com, sales@redfernnaturalhistory.com). £34.99, 808 pp., 571 images.

This beautifully illustrated hefty tome (800 pages) is the second volume in the two-volume set of Sarraceniaceae. The authors chose to place *Sarraceniaceae of South America* as the first volume, because it describes *Helianthophora*, the largest genus of the family. It also includes introduction chapters. This one is the second volume of the two-volume set.) Each volume can stand independently but the authors heartily recommend using them together.

Obviously, when the reader—at first glance—leafs through this volume, he/she will be totally fascinated by the number of exquisite color photographs accompanying the described species—and recognize instantly that this volume is not only extremely heavy, it is too beautiful to risk taking into the field! Take your trusty (and presumably small) camera instead, keep careful notes and identifications, and compare and identify when you're comfortably back at home or office!

The authors not only describe the plants, they carefully observed and recorded data re: identification of location, nature of climate, and when possible, how the plants grow, react to natural conditions, and—especially—the relationships between plants and insects and/or small rodents.

According to the carefully observed and recorded data of the authors, some 730 species representing 17 genera included carnivorous species—two identified as “snap drops” and seven as “pitcher plants.”

This is an extremely well done and very valuable contribution. The authors and artists have obviously dedicated themselves to intensive research. They have also included maps, indicating specific areas where various species grow; they have identified historical backgrounds for many of the species; and they have included helpful current information about Societies, Recommended Suppliers, various specialty places, e.g., Hampshire Carnivorous Plants; New Taxa, and a Glossary.

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STEWART MCPHERSON, ANDREAS WISTUBA, ANDREAS FLEISCHMANN, AND JOACHIM NERZ. 2011. **Sarraceniaceae of South America**. (ISBN: 978-0-9558918-7-8, hbk.). Redfern Natural History Productions, 61 Lake Drive, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset BH15 4LR, ENGLAND, UK. (**Orders:** inside UK 01202 686585, outside UK +44 1202 686585, www.redfernnaturalhistory.com, sales@redfernnaturalhistory.com). \$58.00, 562 pp., 488 images.

An elegant and beautiful volume! Hiding in the appendix are four newly described species and one new combination, each with a beautifully executed line drawing: *Heliamphora arenicola* sp. nov., *Heliamphora ceracea* sp. nov., *Heliamphora collina* sp. nov., *Heliamphora parva* comb. et stat. nov., *Heliamphora purpurascens* sp. nov.

CHRISTIAN ZIEGLER. INTRODUCTION BY MICHAEL POLLAN. 2011. **Deceptive Beauties: The World of Wild Orchids**. (ISBN: 978-0-226-98297-7, hbk.). The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Illinois 60637, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.press.uchicago.edu). \$45, 183 pp., color photos throughout, 9.75" × 9.75".

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